

A-E CONTRACTING BULLETIN 96-02, 26 AUG 96

SUBJECT: A-E TIME STANDARDS

1. We recently surveyed the field on the average reduction in A-E contracting durations over the last 5 years (since first issue of ER 715-1-15). Enclosed is my memo back to the Directors/Chiefs of Engineering with the results. Across the board, districts reported an average reduction of 31% or 93 days. That's pretty good. Keep it up! We are probably going to nominate ourselves for a NPR Hammer Award on our progress in reducing A-E contracting time.

2. The next annual report is due to me from the divisions on 31 Dec 96. The report will cover all A-E contracts awarded in FY 96 (1 Oct 95-30 Sep 96) and follow the format in ER 715-1-15, Appendix C. I hope to see another 5% or more average reduction. Divisions are expected to carefully review the justifiable delays reported by the districts.

3. I made several changes in the distribution list based on your feedback from Bulletin 96-01. Again, let me know if you aren't the "right" person in Engineering or Contracting. Please distribute this bulletin to other interested persons in your organization.

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